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6-Year Transportation Plan Hearings Set

Public Input Encouraged to Help Determine Priorities

Dover – The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), the citizen-member Council on Transportation (COT), the Dover Kent Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) and Sussex County invite the public to attend the Capital Transportation Program (CTP) hearings set for Sept. 6 in Kent County, Sept. 7 in Sussex County and Sept. 13 in New Castle County.

In the last year, DelDOT has worked with the state legislators, local planning organizations and others to better define the magnitude of the financial issues. In order to determine what DelDOT's funding needs are for the next six years, we must first take a comprehensive look at Delaware's transportation system.

The CTP hearings are an opportunity for the public and others to review and comment on the list of projects and issues that have been identified to solve the various transportation problems we are facing throughout the state. With public input, we can then create a Six Year Capital Program for fiscal years 2008-2013 that represents the priorities of our elected officials, local planning organizations, civic leaders and our customers, the traveling public. Ultimately these priorities will determine the extent of the transportation funding shortfall and the amount of new revenues needed to deliver a transportation program.

Each meeting will have an informal workshop session beginning at 6 p.m. where display boards will illustrate the proposed projects in each county. Next, DelDOT Secretary Carolann Wicks will make a formal presentation, followed by remarks from one of more members of the Council on Transportation. The public's opportunity for input on future project priorities and funding will begin approximately at 7 p.m. A court reporter will be available during both sessions to record formal comments.

Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Sept. 6, Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, Conference Room 400A
100 Campus Drive
Dover.
- Sept. 7, Delaware Technical & Community College, Owens Campus, Lecture Hall
Route 18/Seashore Highway, Georgetown.
- Sept. 13, Delaware Technical & Community College, Stanton Campus,
Conference Rooms A116 & A114
400 Stanton-Christiana Road
Newark.

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The Council on Transportation is composed of citizen representatives from every county in the state. Members are appointed by the Governor. The MPOs are composed of representatives from state, county and local governments, and citizen and technical representatives. Mandated by 29 Delaware Code, §8409, the meetings are designed to ensure that the public has ample opportunity to participate in the planning process.

Interested persons are invited to express their views in writing, giving reasons for support of or in opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received during the workshop or can be mailed to DelDOT Public Relations, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903.

This location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aid, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, is requested to contact DelDOT by phone or mail one week in advance. For further information contact Public Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080 or write to the above address.

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